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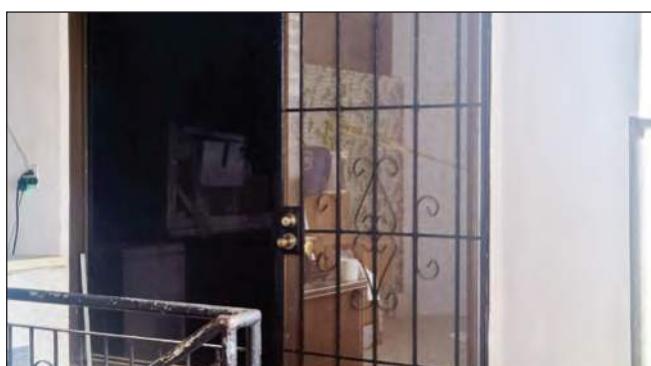
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Another dead body found

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CORRESPONDENT

Authorities are investigating the death of a man found at Char's Commercial Building in Chalan Kanoa last Tuesday night. The Department of Public Safety shared that the body was discovered at approximately 6:55pm last Oct. 22 in an early state of decomposition.

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CHRISTAL MARINO

Police tape can be faintly seen through this screen door of an apartment on the second floor of Char's Commercial Building in Chalan Kanoa.



CHRISTAL MARINO

The body of a Chinese man was found in an early state of decomposition on the second story of the Char's Commercial Building in Chalan Kanoa last Tuesday evening.

PALACIOS ON DPL-MGI MAÑAGAHA LEASE AGREEMENT DPL needs to look at more reasonable terms

By KIMBERLY B. ESMORES
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REPORTER

According to Frankie Elliptico, spokesperson for the Office of the Governor, following the conclusion of Day 1 of the 902 talks, the administration of Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and U.S. President Joseph Biden's appointed representative, assistant secretary of the

posed by Department of Public Lands needs to be looked over and made reasonable.

Gov. Arnold I. Palacios expresses that one of the possible reasons Mañagaha Island has not had a stable concessionaire operator in a long while is because the agreement pro-



Palacios

sion operator agreement for Mañagaha between Mariana Global Inc. and DPL.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, DPL terminated its agreement with MGI for failure to pay its over

\$800,000 rental fee.

Palacios shared that while the agreement predates his administration, when he saw it, he immediately knew it was going to be a problem.

Palacios expressed that in order to have a stable

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Chief Judge Manglona recuses self from IPI bankruptcy case

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V.

Manglona has recused herself from presiding over Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's bankruptcy proceedings due to a conflict of interest.

Last week, Manglona issued an order of recusal recusing herself from presiding over IPI's bankruptcy proceedings citing a conflict

of interest due to familial ties within the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

"Because one of the

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LOCAL

A unique workshop focused on tsunami preparedness for businesses took place at the Crowne Plaza Resort on Saipan last Sept. 20.

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Israel said Tuesday that one of its airstrikes outside Beirut earlier this month killed a Hezbollah official widely expected to have replaced the militant group's longtime leader, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike last month.

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LIFE & STYLE

King Charles III should be prepared to dance when he visits Samoa this week. Freddie Tuilagi made sure of that when he visited St. James' Palace recently wearing nothing but a bark cloth wrap and a necklace historically worn by orator chiefs.

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Local

Bill Gates Foundation thanks Rotary International

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The Gates Foundation extended its gratitude to Rotary

RACQUEL FLOYD
Rotary Club of Saipan president Joann Aquino presents a video message from Bill Gates during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting last Tuesday at the Azucena Room of the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

International for its partnership in polio eradication via a video message from Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates shown last Tuesday afternoon to members of the Rotary Club of Saipan at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

"The Gates Foundation is thrilled to continue our 2- to-1 giving match, with Rotary up to \$50 million. The tripling impact of every dollar you raise, we're so grateful that Rotary has taken full advantage of that match during this critical period, and we hope to continue that streak in the years ahead," said Gates.

According to the billionaire philanthropist, Rotary's contributions including advocacy, awareness campaigns, and service have been instrumental in the progress made.

"The role of Rotary goes far beyond fundraising, of course, Rotarians have been leading the charge on this issue. Since the beginning through advocacy awareness campaigns... we should all be incredibly proud of how far we've come when polio is eradicated. And I, do mean when, not if it will be one of the biggest advances in public health in human history."

Gates added that Rotary's efforts are crucial in achieving this goal.

"The world would have never gotten to this point without Rotarians, and we won't

be able to get over the finish line without all your efforts. I'm looking forward to celebrating with you the day we cross it together. So, thank you once again for all that you do," added Gates.

Gates mentioned that Rotary International played a pivotal role in the fight to eradicate polio, leading the creation of the Global Polio initiative in 1988 while polio paralyzed 350,000 children every year.

"In 2023, that number was down to 12 and more than two and a half billion children received polio vaccines worldwide, and at least 20 million of them would have otherwise been paralyzed, never had to experience the disease."

Furthermore, the polio eradication efforts face challenges despite significant progress. Wild polio remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and variant polio cases emerge in previously polio-free African countries.

"Climate disasters and global pandemics disrupted health systems around the world. We continue to see cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only two countries where wild polio is still endemic, and unfortunately, we are still seeing variant polio cases in Africa, where the virus was previously eliminated. The top fact is as long as polio exists anywhere, it's a threat to spread back everywhere."

Gates also mentioned the new vaccines developed by the foundation reduce mutations and variants. Over a billion doses are administered worldwide, reducing outbreak risk by 80%.

"So, these next two years are absolutely critical and to aid our efforts, we have fantastic new tools at our disposal, like what's called the new OPB2 vaccine that our foundation helped develop and that produces fewer mutations and variants. That vaccine was actually rolled out in 2021, during the pandemic, and already more than a billion doses have been administered around the world, reducing the risk of new outbreaks by over 80% compared to the previous vaccine. But all the scientific progress in the world would be meaningless without people, making sure the vaccines actually are reaching all the kids."

The video ended with Gates expressing his gratitude to Rotarians once again as well as to healthcare workers and volunteers for their efforts.

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the Petition for [] ACTION NO.
the Adoption of [] 24-0402

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Peter Raymond []
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Camacho []
Petitioner(s) []

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in Courtroom 217A before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024.

Patrick V. Diaz,
Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

ARC-NMI Chapter donates supplies to Project Buddy Check 670 to support vets

The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter is proud to announce its donation of essential program supplies to Project Buddy Check 670, a newly established nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting veterans in the CNMI. This collaboration aims to enhance advocacy efforts and bridge the service gap for veterans through innovative supplemental activities and programs.

Project Buddy Check 670's mission is to serve as a voice and advocate for veterans, en-

suring they receive the support and resources they deserve. The donation from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter will provide critical resources to help launch their initiatives, which include community outreach, educational workshops, and social engagement activities designed to empower veterans and their families.

"The American Red Cross has always been committed to serving those who serve our country," said John Hirsh, executive director at the American Red Cross NMI Chapter.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Project Buddy Check 670's Harley Eriich, Barry Maratita, Cristin Duenas, Jess Stole, and John Cepeda poses with American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh.

"We are thrilled to support Project Buddy Check 670 in their mission to advocate for our veterans and help them access vital services."

The supplies donated will

enable Project Buddy Check 670 to kickstart their programs, fostering a supportive community for veterans in the NMI. With a focus on bridging service gaps, the organization aims to create an inclusive environment where veterans can connect, share experiences, and find assistance in navigating their post-service lives.

"Thanks to the generous support from the American Red Cross, we can begin our work to uplift our veterans and address their unique challenges," said John Aguon, president of PBC670. "We are excited to get started and make a positive impact on the lives of those who have served our nation."

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance, disaster relief, and education in communities across the globe. The NMI Chapter serves the local community with programs that focus on disaster preparedness, health and safety training, and support for military families.

Project Buddy Check 670 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocating for veterans in the Northern Mariana Islands. Through various programs and activities, the organization aims to provide support, resources, and a strong community for veterans and their families. (PR)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-004-25

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2024: 4:00 P.M.

"REPAIRS OF PIPES AND FITTINGS OF THE SEAWATER FIRE FIGHTING PUMP SYSTEM AT THE PORT OF SAIPAN"

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) ACCOUNTING OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$100.00 SHALL BE PAID TO CPA BEFORE A BIDDER MAY OBTAIN THE BID PACKAGE. PAYMENTS SHALL BE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD.

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LEO B. TUDELA
Executive Director

DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-24

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2024: 4:00 P.M.

"CYBERSECURITY CENTRALIZED NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLEMENTATION PER TSA REQUIREMENTS"

THE BID PACKAGE AND OTHER CONTRACT CONSIDERATIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AT THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, DEPARTURE BUILDING, FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPON PAYMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$100. PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE IN CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK, CREDIT CARD, OR U.S. POSTAL MONEY ORDER. ALL APPLICANTS SHALL PAY THE \$100.00 TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE BID.

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Auto-pedestrian accident injures woman in CK

By CHRYSAL MARINO
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CORRESPONDENT

A 48-year-old woman was struck by a vehicle in an auto-pedestrian accident on Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa last Tuesday evening.

According to the Department of Public Safety, officers responding to a separate incident came upon the scene in front of the Lucky Star Market at approximately 7:02pm.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the woman was crossing the road from the former Jin Zhou



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A motorist captures the scene of an auto-pedestrian accident on Beach Road, Chalan Kanoa on Tuesday evening, Oct. 22, 2024.

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However, Eliptico stated that no further information could be released as of press time. However, the Office of the Governor assures the public that an official statement regarding the talks will be issued by days end today.

In an interview with Palacios last Tuesday, he said discussions with Cantor is expected to last two days or more and updates will be released once available.

Due to the sensitivity of the matter, Palacios was unable to divulge much details about the upcoming meeting.

"There's a lot of sensitive issues that still need to be worked out, so I don't want to get ahead of myself to give respect and courtesy to the federal side. When they all do show up, we are going to be having this conversation and how to approach," he said.

When asked what the highlight of the conversations will be, Palacios said most likely Section 7 of the CNMI Covenant.

"Section 7 of our Covenant will be discussed, and it encompasses a lot including economic development,

DPL

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concessionaire operating Mañagaha, this agreement needs to be made reasonable.

"I don't think any company in their right mind would sign that. That is the No. 1 issue. Are you kidding me? You're going to sign an \$800,000 contract annually plus 9% of your gross? It is important for DPL to take a look at what is reasonable so that we can have lasting operation out there that one, provides safety and enjoyment; and two keeps the place clean for our locals and visitors. The contract could have been thought of differently. I even shared my opinion on it. But this contract was signed predating me so when I saw the contract, I could see that this was going to be an issue and this is probably why the company is having problems now. They wanted to monopolize every activity going on out there and that didn't sit well with the operators and a lot of the people," he said.

However, Palacios said at the end of the day, the agreement has to be complied with.

"Obviously, that is an issue that as

infrastructure, financial assistance, so we will be keeping our focus on that. That is the immediate focus. We don't have a lot of time for these discussions, we only have two months before closing it out and coming up with an agreement. We want to work hard," he said.

Last July, President Joseph Biden responded to the CNMI's request to initiate consultations between the governments of the CNMI and the United States pursuant to Section 902 of the Covenant to "establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the U.S."

As part of his response, Biden officially appointed Cantor as his representative for the 902 consultations.

According to a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune*, for this round of consultations, Palacios requested to engage with the U.S. government on three priority issues: 1) direct financial assistance under Section 702 of the Covenant; 2) tourism and transportation infrastructure; and 3) access to skilled labor.

Section 702 of the Covenant provides for an initial seven-year period of financial assistance to the CNMI government.

After the expiration of that initial

you all well know, they were having all kinds of problems, and they were having a real controversy with marine operators. But DPL is also obligated to ensure that whatever agreement is signed, has to be complied with. They obviously didn't pay their rental fee and it's DPL's obligation as an agency and representative of the community to make sure that whatever is agreed to is complied with," he said.

As for Mañagaha operations, Palacios said DPL will be on top of it.

"DPL is going to step in, they were already operating when the previous operator left so they already have a crew ready to step in. [As for the] lifeguard issue, if we have to hire a lifeguard, then we will hire lifeguards until we can get a company to operate it," he said.

Earlier this month, DPL issued a notice of termination ending the master concession operator agreement for Mañagaha with MGI.

According to the termination letter issued to MGI CEO YoungHee Yoon, DPL acting secretary Richard Villagomez said the termination is a result of MGI's failure to cure violations pursuant to the concessionaire agreement.

period, the U.S. government has continued to provide assistance to the CNMI through a series of long-term funding agreements.

The most recent long-term funding agreement was executed in 1992. That agreement, which, after being extended by the U.S. Congress, expired on Sept. 30, 2003, generally provided the CNMI with \$11 million per year for Capital Improvement Projects.

In tourism and transportation, the Commonwealth's economy hasn't been what it used to be before the COVID-19 pandemic as visitor arrivals have gone down.

In recent years, the business sector has urged Palacios to ask the U.S. government to reinstate the exemption for the CNMI from the cap on direct flights between the U.S. and China.

This arises out of Article 6 of the 2007 U.S.-China Air Transport Agreement, which states that the airlines of the U.S. may provide unlimited scheduled air services between three points in the People's Republic of China and Guam and the CNMI.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

"The termination of the above-subject agreement has resulted from concessionaire's failure to cure the violations within thirty (30) days' notice as noted in DPL's July 31, 2024 Notice of Violation letter (NOV). Concessionaire's deadline to cure the stated violations was extended to Sept. 30, 2024, as requested by the letter from concessionaire's counsel dated Aug. 28, 2024."

Saipan Tribune learned from DPL's compliance division director Greg Deleon Guerrero that the violations include non-payment of rental fees.

Because MGI did not cure the violations cited, DPL has terminated the agreement and has ordered MGI to vacate Mañagaha by Oct. 26.

"In accordance with section 18C of the agreement, you must vacate the exclusive concession area on Mañagaha within 15 days. DPL will enter into and upon the ECA take possession of all of its property and improvements and evict the Concessionaire without the liability of trespass," they said in the letter.

According to Deleon Guerrero, come Oct. 26, DPL will assume operations of Mañagaha's exclusive concession area while MGI appeals the termination.

Car Wash when she was hit by a Toyota CH-R exiting the parking lot of the Lucky Super Market. The vehicle, driven by a 21-year-old male, was traveling south at the time. According to the driver, poor visibility due to heavy rain and low lighting conditions caused confusion, leading him to initially believe he had struck a traffic cone. It was only after other motorists honked to alert him that he realized the gravity of the situation.

The pedestrian sustained a fractured left ankle and was quickly transported to the Commonwealth

Health Center by the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. She was treated at CHC and later discharged.

Further investigation revealed that the pedestrian was intoxicated at the time of the incident, while the driver was found to be sober and not under the influence of alcohol or drugs. No citations were issued to either party, and the case remains under investigation.

DPS urges both drivers and pedestrians to exercise extra caution, especially in poor weather conditions, to prevent similar accidents from occurring.

DEAD

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DPS assistant chief of police and acting public information officer Simon T. Manacop shared with *Saipan Tribune* that the man, a Chinese national, has been officially identified, but DPS is unable to share who he is until his next of kin is contacted.

Manacop said according to a witness, the man was last seen and spoke to on Oct. 18, when he mentioned feeling unwell. Four days after on Oct. 22 his lifeless body was found in the early stages of decomposition.

"We are unable to confirm at this time if foul play was involved," said Manacop. He added that just before the discovery, a worker for the building had tried to contact the man four times that day but received no response. The worker later found the victim in the apartment.

The man had reportedly been allowed to stay in the apartment by the

building's owner, though it was not his permanent residence.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau at (670) 664-9042 or call the Crime Stoppers Hotline at (670) 234-7272 to remain anonymous.

Last Oct. 6, police discovered the remains of a local fisherman known by the name "Ernie" behind a Garapan snack bar.

The grim discovery was made on Oct. 6, 2024, when a worker at the RNV Snack Bar arrived at the location and was drawn to a foul odor coming from behind the building. Following the scent, the worker found the body in a makeshift shack just behind the snack bar.

DPS learned that the deceased was last seen and reportedly made contact with a witness last Oct. 2. Police also added that DPS learned that the deceased was residing in the shack he was found in. Until now the cause of death is undetermined.

JUDGE

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undersigned's relatives within the third degree of relationship was recently confirmed to be a board member for the Commonwealth Casino Commission, a major creditor in this bankruptcy action, the undersigned disqualifies herself pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §455(b)(5)(i)," she said.

Meanwhile, District by Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Mary Murguia has designated Chief Bankruptcy Judge Robert J. Faris from the District of Hawaii to preside over the matter in Manglona's stead.

Last Oct. 16, the Senate held a regular session where they officially confirmed Thomas A. Manglona, the relative the chief judge alluded to, to the CCC board.

In an interview with Manglona, he shared that he appreciates all the senators for fulfilling their role in his confirmation as well as the CNMI administration for their trust in him.

"I'm very appreciative of the appointment of Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and our Lt. Gov. David M. Apatang. I'm also very appreciative of the confirmation process and the Senators for confirming me this afternoon," he said.

When asked what his first course of action would be as a newly confirmed and sworn-in CCC commissioner, he said he intends to collaborate and communicate with

sitting commissioners to move forward with current issues plagues the commission.

"I look forward to working with the other commissioners to move forward through the many issues we are currently facing. With a lot of collaboration and communication with stakeholders, I think we can move forward. First, I have to sit down with all of the members to discuss what issues we have to tackle first," he said.

As for the ongoing revocation proceedings in regards to Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's exclusive casino license, he said he reserves his comments for a later time.

"As you know, the case remains active in court so I'd prefer not to comment at this moment. Maybe at a later time," he said.

CCC chair Edward Deleon Guerrero, in his public comments, stated that he looks forward to having another commissioner on the CCC board as it would finally establish quorum allowing the CCC to push forward with important matter such as revocation proceedings, as well as finding ways to acquire more funding for the CCC.

Up until Manglona's confirmation yesterday, the CCC had two commissioners and one chair while it needed three commissioners to establish quorum.

While he is happy that CCC now has a Rota representative, Deleon Guerrero also urges the governor to fill the commission's Tinian position.

Humanities Council launches NMI founding father's memoir 'Legacy of a Political Union'

Northern Marianas Humanities Council will distribute a new book, "Legacy of a Political Union," authored by chief Covenant negotiator Edward DLG Pangelinan to the general public during a book launch event on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

The event will feature remarks by Pangelinan's family, friends, and colleagues and access to digital copies of his

personal collection of artifacts from his life and work as the chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission and CNMI resident representative to the U.S. from 1978 to 1984.

"Mr. Pangelinan's leadership in negotiating the terms of our U.S. Commonwealth status and subsequent work to implement the terms of our Covenant agreement with the U.S. lay the foundations for our collective actions toward

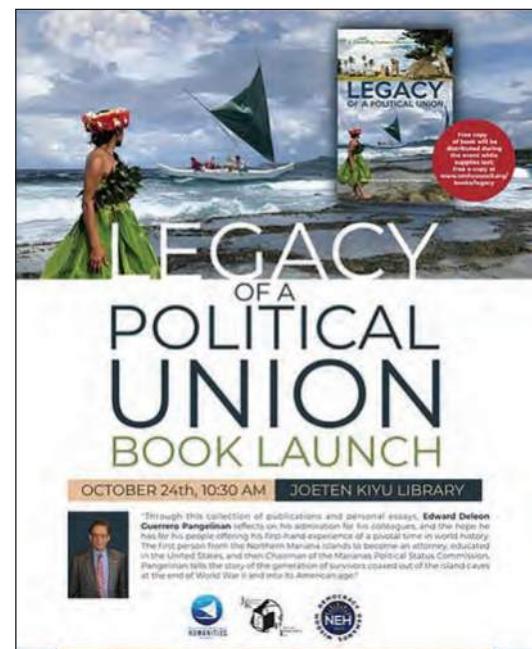
self-determination and self-government as a people," said Council executive director Leo Pangelinan. "I am honored that he chose our Council to publish his insights into our political history and that his book will preserve his unique perspectives and experiences for posterity."

A growing collection of his working papers, reports, photos, and personal artifacts are now available for public viewing on the council's Digital Archives.

Limited print copies of "Legacy of a Political Union" will be distributed free to audiences during the book launch. For additional access, a free e-copy of the book is available for download at <http://nmhcouncil.org/books/legacy>.

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council was established as a cultural and educational nonprofit organization in 1991 to advance the humanities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Its mission today is to navigate and explore the human experiences of the indigenous and diverse people of the Commonwealth by enriching their lives through research, dialogue, programs, and publications. (PR)

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Limited print copies of "Legacy of a Political Union" will be distributed free to audiences during the book launch tomorrow at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.



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PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-25
SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2024: 2:00 P.M.

"REMOVAL/DISPOSAL OF EXISTING PAPI AND REIL LIGHTS AND INSTALL NEW PAPI AND REIL LIGHTS AT THE BTM ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EDITORIAL

Why are some nations more prosperous than others?

For years, free-market think tanks such as the Cato Institute and the Fraser Institute have emphasized the link between economic freedom and prosperity. This month, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics to three men whose work confirmed the nexus.

The award went to Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson, both of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and James Robinson of the University of Chicago. The latter school has a long history of embracing economic theory that recognizes the value of liberty and individual autonomy. The men received the accolade for research on "how institutions are formed and affect prosperity."

Without getting too detailed about the intricacies of their work, their research makes clear that there are reasons why some nations are wealthier than others. Nations with more "inclusive" institutions—market-oriented democracies that respect property rights and the rule of law—have the best chance of creating long-term prosperity.

The trio test-drove their thesis in a 2004 paper that found, "Economic institutions encouraging economic growth emerge when political institutions allocate power to groups with interests in broad-based property rights enforcement, when they create effective constraints on power-holders, and when there are relatively few rents to be captured by power-holders."

Eight years later, Acemoglu and Robinson wrote "Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty," arguing that a nation's prosperity—or lack of it—is the result of man-made policies and institutions. Nations that drift toward authoritarianism and government central planning are more likely to be less free and poorer in the long run than countries that create free and open institutions and respect the value of voluntary exchange.

This sounds strikingly simple. But during a time when many young Americans have embraced the siren song of collectivism and socialism over capitalism, it's a finding that deserves to be shouted from the hills. Inequity among nations isn't a matter of random chance. North Korea isn't a basket case by accident. Venezuela hasn't crumbled into poverty because of the weather. Ideas and economic systems matter.

It's no coincidence that the U.S. Constitution—which creates "effective constraints on power-holders" and recognizes the value of property rights, an independent judiciary and personal freedom—provided the guardrails for the most prosperous nation on Earth.

The work of these Nobel laureates offers a path forward for impoverished nations—if they choose to take it. Let's hope progressive Democrats are also paying attention.

IF SHE CAN'T HANDLE THE SOFTEST OF SOFTBALL
QUESTIONS FROM "THE VIEW," WHAT CHANCE DOES SHE
HAVE HANDLING THE REAL WORLD?



The presidential race won't be over on election night. Here's what can go wrong after that

WASHINGTON—The presidential election is still too close to call, but here are three predictions you can take to the bank:

First, we won't know who won on election night. Three potentially decisive states—Arizona, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—are notoriously slow at counting. A winner may not emerge before the end of the week.

Second, no matter who wins, Donald Trump will charge that the vote was rigged. He made that claim in 2020, when he lost decisively to Joe Biden. He claimed (again without evidence) that he was robbed of popular votes in 2016, even though he won the election. He has already charged that Democrats will cheat this year. "It's the only way they're going to win," he claimed.

Third, if Trump loses, he will challenge the outcome in the courts, just as he did in 2020. "It's not over on election day; it's over on inauguration day," Trump campaign manager Chris LaCivita said earlier this year. So get ready for long and bitter legal battles that could end up in the Supreme Court with its Trump-friendly majority.

We've been here before. Four years ago, Trump tried to undo Biden's election with a barrage of legal challenges that failed. He asked Republican state legislators to overturn results and demanded that then-Vice President Mike Pence block the count of electoral votes. All refused. A mob of angry, deluded Trump supporters tried to stop the process by invading the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021; that failed, too.

The guardrails of democracy held—and legal scholars say those guardrails are a little stronger now.

"I'm very confident that the candidate who wins on Nov. 5 will be inaugurated on Jan. 20," said Justin Levitt, who teaches election law at Loyola Law School in L.A. But a lot can happen between those two dates, he warned.

"There can be litigation. There can be delays. There will be a lot of misinformation, some of it spread on purpose," he said. "There are real opportunities for unrest, maybe even violence."

Here are four scenarios in which a close election could run into trouble:

Asking the courts to decide

"There is always the risk of another Bush v Gore," Rick Hasen

By DOYLE MCMANUS

Los Angeles Times

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of UCLA Law School wrote recently, referring to the 2000 Supreme Court decision that decided that year's presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore. "If the election comes down to a few thousand votes or less in a state that is crucial for an electoral college victory, then we'll expect both sides to litigate as hard as they can."

In Pennsylvania, for example, Republicans filed a lawsuit complaining the state's rules for accepting absentee ballots that arrive with small errors, like a missing date on the envelope, are too lenient. The state Supreme Court left it up to the state's 67 counties to decide how to handle the ballots.

If those ballots could swing the election, the Trump campaign could argue that it's unfair for counties to adopt different rules. A similar issue prompted the high court to act in Bush vs. Gore.

Republicans have already filed more than 100 lawsuits challenging election rules in several states to improve their chances after election day.

Refusing to certify results

What if local officials refuse to certify election results they don't like?

Most legal scholars say courts are almost certain to knock down those attempts—but they could still lead to delays, legal battles and potential unrest.

The once-obscure issue of certification achieved more notoriety after Georgia's Republican-led election board issued new rules requiring county officials to investigate potential irregularities before they certify results.

Certification has traditionally been an administrative action in

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How Trump would weaponize the Justice Department

Former President Donald Trump has made it clear what he'd like to do with the Department of Justice if he's reelected: go after his political opponents. As he has posted on social media, "WHEN I WIN, those people that CHEATED"—Democrats, in his dark fantasy of election fraud—"will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the Law, which will include long term prison sentences so that this Depravity of Justice does not happen again." It would be foolish to dismiss such promises as mere bluster.

Trump's words echo refrains from his first administration, when the former president used social media to call for the prosecutions of Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Hunter Biden, Barack Obama, James Comey, and members of Congress including Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Ilhan Omar. For example, in July 2017, Trump posted, "So many people are asking why isn't the A.G. or Special Council (sic) looking at the many Hillary Clinton or Comey crimes. 33,000 e-mails deleted?"

Trump was also "obsessed" with prosecuting John Kerry, the secretary of state under Obama, according to former Trump National Security Adviser John Bolton. Bolton wrote in his book that "in meeting after meeting in the Oval, Trump would ask Attorney General William Barr or anybody listening to launch a prosecution."

These efforts to initiate criminal probes of his rivals failed for two reasons. First, experienced DOJ aides discouraged these authoritarian instincts. And second, abusing the powers of the presidency carried the risk of criminal prosecution. Both of those checks will be missing in a second term. Trump has vowed to appoint loyalists a second time around. And the Supreme Court has defanged the threat of prosecution with its sweeping immunity ruling.

Start with Trump's advisers. Both of Trump's first-term attorneys general largely respected the norms of the department they led, the Department of Justice. The first, Jeff Sessions, was confronted with evidence that the Trump campaign had received assistance from Russia in the 2016 election and subsequently recused himself from the investigation because of his work on the campaign. That allowed his deputy, Rod Rosenstein, to hire a special counsel—Robert Mueller—to investigate potential crimes that could implicate his bosses. That was appropriate—and infuriated Trump.

Trump's second AG, William Barr, was a little more of a loyalist when it came to the Russian investigation. He dismissed the case against Trump ally Michael Flynn (charged with lying to the FBI) and recommended a lighter sentence for Roger Stone (convicted of obstruction, witness tampering and lying to Congress).

But Barr publicly refuted Trump's false claims of voter fraud, again infuriating Trump. Barr ultimately resigned from office. According to testimony presented at the Jan. 6 congressional hearings, Trump's hope of appointing a loyalist as acting attorney general to facilitate election fraud was thwarted when other top DOJ officials and White House counsel threatened to resign.

This time around, don't expect such independence. Trump has said that in 2016, his appointees "were not what I really wanted because I didn't know much about Washington." Since then, he has learned. "And now I know the good ones, the bad ones, the weak ones, the smart ones, the dumb ones. I know them all now."

In a second Trump term, we can expect an attorney general who is a Trump loyalist, one who may be willing to help fulfill Trump's dreams of vengeance. If Trump is unable to persuade the Senate to confirm this person, we may see Trump follow the pattern he used at the end of his first term by appointing acting cabinet officials. Acting attorneys general serve limited terms, but Trump could simply replace AGs as needed with a revolving door of yes-men. When loyalty is what matters most, continuity of leadership is less important.

Trump could also go after lower-ranking DOJ officials. The bulk of the agency's employees are career professionals—the very people Trump has so often referred to as the "deep state," in part because of their tendency to resist illegal orders. His frustration led him to impose, via executive order, Schedule F, a regulation that permitted the removal of civil servants with policymaking responsibilities at the will of the president. President Joe Biden rescinded Schedule F, but it could be reinstated with a stroke of his successor's pen. Under Schedule F, those who resist Trump would be replaced by those who will obey.

Then there's the fallout of the Supreme Court's immunity ruling. In light of the court's decision in July that a president is immune from criminal prosecution for official acts committed in office, Trump would be freed in a second term from the specter of any special counsel investigations.

By BARBARA MCQUADE

Bloomberg Opinion



Barbara McQuade is a professor at the University of Michigan Law school, a former U.S. attorney and author of *Attack from Within: How Disinformation Is Sabotaging America*.

Mueller investigated not only Trump's activities as a candidate, but also his efforts as president to obstruct the investigation. That topic would be off limits under the court's decision. As the dissenting justices noted in that case, a president would be immune from prosecution even if he "(o)rders the Navy's Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival," "(o)rganizes a military coup to hold onto power," or "takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon," a claim the majority did not refute. And although it is unclear whether subordinates who carry out a president's illegal orders are themselves immune from criminal prosecution, Trump could simply pardon them for any misconduct.

The only remaining remedy for a president who abuses his official powers is impeachment, which we saw in the last administration is a weak tool. Trump was impeached twice, but Republican senators were reluctant to convict and remove from office a member of their own party.

One would hope that any of Trump's rivals who find themselves in the crosshairs of his DOJ would find protection from conviction in the institutional checks in our criminal justice system, such as the grand jury process, due process, impartial judges, and the jury system requiring guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. But even undergoing investigation can cause harm to public figures, who must spend time, money and effort defending themselves. And the endless investigation of baseless claims would divert the Department of Justice from focusing on the real crimes.

Our Constitution created a system of checks and balances designed to protect us from abuses of power, but those checks are imperfect. In a second Trump administration, the president would have a much clearer path to run right through them.

ELECTION

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which election boards merely confirm that the compiled results match up with what precincts have reported. Investigating allegations of irregularity or fraud is up to law enforcement agencies, not election boards.

In several counties around the country, pro-Trump election officials have briefly refused to certify election results, but courts have uniformly ruled against them. Two Georgia courts have already ruled that the state election board's new rules are invalid.

"Certification is not likely to produce a [constitutional] crisis," said Edward Foley, a leading election law expert at Ohio State University. "The courts are going to handle it as they already do."

The danger of violence

But all those challenges raise the prospect of violence.

On Jan. 6, 2021, Trump told his followers: "If you don't fight like hell, you won't have a country anymore."

This year, he has revived that warning, telling supporters that the stakes of the election are existential—literally. Last month, in Wisconsin, he told a rally that if he doesn't win, migrants "will walk into your kitchen. They will cut your throat."

"You won't have a country anymore," he said, again.

Violence is always possible, even likely. Trump has already been the target of two assassination attempts. But law enforcement agencies have spent four years preparing to protect polling places, tabulation centers, election officials and judges.

Detroit's tabulation center, which Trump claimed (without evidence) was a hotbed of fraud, has been outfitted with bul-

letproof glass. Maricopa County, Ariz., where election officials have been attacked by pro-Trump zealots, is stationing snipers on the roof. The U.S. Capitol Police have worked to ensure that Jan. 6 cannot recur.

In the end, election law scholars say violence need not derail the outcome.

"I do worry about it," said Levitt. "We live in a climate where some people consider threats of violence an acceptable tactic. ... But it's not going to affect the outcome of the election any more than it did on January 6."

Congress gets the final say—again

Under the Constitution, Congress formally counts the electoral votes on Jan. 6. That normally ceremonial process almost went off the rails in 2021, when Trump urged Republicans to block legitimately elected Biden electors from swing states. Two-thirds of House Republicans supported the scheme, but Democrats and moderate Republicans quashed it.

That scenario is less likely to recur, thanks to a law Congress passed in 2022, making it harder to challenge electoral votes and clarifying that the vice president has no power to direct the outcome.

Still, if one-fifth of the members of each chamber object to a state's electoral votes, both houses must vote to accept or reject them. If both chambers have GOP majorities, the outcome could come down to a handful of moderate Republicans like Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

There's also a wild card in the list of potential nightmares: What happens if the electoral vote is a tie, 269 to 269?

In that case, the House of Representatives would choose the next president under a rule that would favor Republicans. Instead of a normal vote by individual members of the House,

each state's House delegation would get one vote—meaning California and North Dakota would get equal weight. In the current House, 26 states have mostly Republican House members; only 22, including California's, are dominated by Democrats. (Two states are evenly divided.)

A tie hasn't happened since 1800, when Thomas Jefferson tied with Aaron Burr. (Jefferson won the runoff.) Polymarket, a prediction market, puts the odds of a tie this year at 4%.

Misinformation will remain a danger

This is not a "both sides" issue. Only one party has told its followers that if it loses, the only possible reason will be that the election was stolen.

It doesn't seem to matter whether the challenges are plausible. In 2020, they weren't, as evidenced by Trump's long string of losses in the courts. But polls this month have found that most GOP voters believe election fraud is likely to occur this year even though no significant instances have been proven in decades.

Claiming that every election is rigged is not only part of Trump's political message; it has become part of his business model.

Last time, he raised more than \$250 million after election day with his claims. Only \$13 million of those donations funded legal efforts to reverse the result. The rest went into Trump's political coffers, giving him an early start toward his next campaign.

And the misinformation Trump has cultivated won't go away after inauguration day. He has made bitter post-election battles a durable feature of American politics.

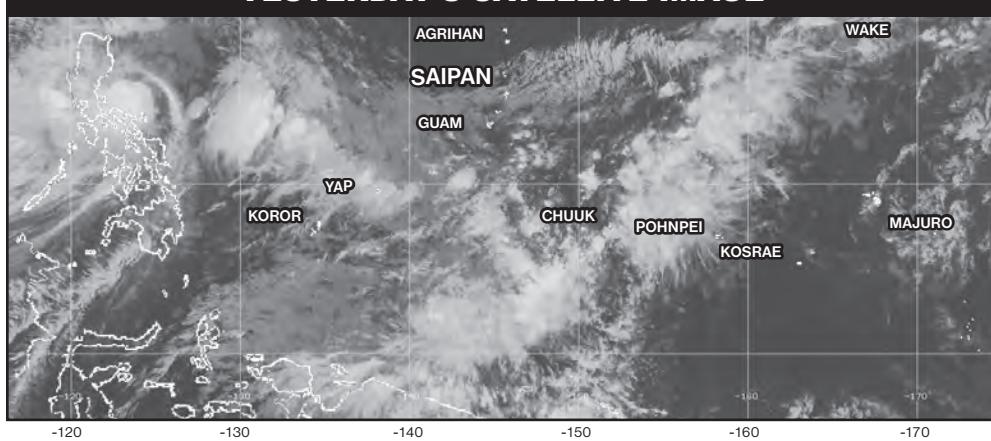
"It is profoundly unhealthy for democracy," said Levitt. "It is a long-term cancer in the system."

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny with scattered showers. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.	Breezy. Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Breezy at times through Monday. Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:04 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows cloudy skies and convectively quiet conditions across the Marianas and in the vicinity of nearby Invest 97W this morning. Radar reveals light isolated showers drifting southwest across the coastal waters of Guam, Rota, and Tinian. A few moderate showers can be seen south of Guam drifting southeast. Winds remain light out of the east to north-northeast. The primary forecast problem remains as before, regarding the movement and eventual merger of Invests 97W and 98W, to the west and southeast of the Marianas, respectively. These disturbances remain slow-moving and poorly organized, but are favored to gradually merge south of the Marianas sometime this evening through early morning Thursday according to model trends. This pattern would generally keep more showers to the south near Guam and Rota in the short term as 97W shifts southeast, but there remains significant uncertainty in the evolution of these systems.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

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Yap	Mostly Cloudy	83° / 78°			
Chuuk	Cloudy	87° / 80°			
Pohnpei	Cloudy	89° / 78°			
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	89° / 78°			
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 82°			
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DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
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Honolulu	Thunderstorms	82° / 72°		
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Los Angeles	Sunny	100° / 72°		
Manila	Light Rain Shower	86° / 75°		
Melbourne	Cloudy	70° / 54°		
Miami	Showers	85° / 79°		
New York	Clear	80° / 62°		
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	66° / 55°		
Paris	Showers	57° / 55°		
Busan	Mostly Sunny	66° / 52°		
Rome	Cloudy	68° / 48°		
Salem	Showers	72° / 52°		
San Francisco	Sunny	75° / 56°		
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	61° / 52°		
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	75° / 67°		
Washington, DC	Fair	82° / 54°		

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CNMI HSEM holds unique tsunami workshop

A unique workshop focused on tsunami preparedness for businesses was conducted at the Crowne Plaza Resort on Saipan last Sept. 20.

The event was led by Mario Kaipat, program manager of the CNMI's National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program, and Charles "Chip" Guard, the CNMI NTHMP Science representative. The workshop aimed to equip local business owners and employees with the knowledge and tools necessary to prepare for potential tsunami events.

This workshop targeted the major hotels on Saipan, which have specific responsibilities and challenges. With the region's vulnerability to tsunamis, the workshop underscored the need for comprehensive emergency planning among the hotels.

Guard delivered informative presentations that covered the science behind the Pacific earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes, how to recognize specific warning signs, and the hazards associated with the event of locally and distantly

generated tsunamis. His insights were invaluable in helping participants understand the various tsunami risk factors specific to the CNMI region.

Kaipat complemented Guard's presentations with practical strategies tailored to local businesses. He discussed the importance of developing an emergency response plan, conducting regular drills, and creating a culture of preparedness within organizations. "Every business should have a tsunami plan and a comprehensive set of Standard Operating Procedures that are periodically updated and practiced," Kaipat urged attendees.

"Preparedness is not just about having a plan; more importantly, it's about knowing how to react and ensuring that everyone in your organization understands their roles during a locally generated tsunami and likewise from a distantly generated tsunami," Guard emphasized during the session.

The workshop was enriched by specially tailored resources provided by Dr. Laura Kong

from NOAA's International Tsunami Information Center based in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kong shared valuable materials and tools that businesses could utilize to enhance their preparedness initiatives. Her expertise offered a broader perspective on U.S. domestic and international best practices and the latest developments in tsunami science, including an example Tsunami Response Plan from a Waikiki, Oahu hotel. She and her assistant, Tammy Fukui, provided up-to-date materials and tailored the many worksheets that businesses can use to create their tsunami response plan and made sure they arrived on Saipan in time for the workshop.

Participants engaged in interactive discussions, sharing their current states of preparedness and concerns regarding tsunami risks. This collaboration revealed the gaps in preparedness and fostered a sense of community as attendees recognized the collective responsibility to ensure the safety of their guests and

workers. The hotel representatives also discussed strategies for communicating with employees and guests during tsunami emergencies, highlighting the need for clear messaging and accessible information.

The workshop received positive feedback from attendees, many expressing gratitude for the actionable insights gained. "This workshop has opened my eyes to the vulnerabilities we face and the steps we need to take to protect our staff and customers," said one local hotel manager.

As the CNMI continues to face the realities of natural disasters, workshops like this are essential in building a culture of preparedness. By empowering businesses with knowledge and resources, the CNMI moves closer to enhancing its resilience against potential tsunami threats.

In conclusion, the tsunami preparedness workshop served as a vital platform for collaboration and education, reinforcing the idea that preparedness is a shared responsibility. With

continued efforts in community engagement and initiative-taking planning, the CNMI aims to safeguard its residents, visitors, and businesses from the risks posed by tsunamis.

For more information

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GCC's 6th Biannual Show & Sell on Nov. 22



Participants of the CNMI's National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program workshop that focused on tsunami preparedness for businesses pose for a group photo during a break last April 20 at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.



The 6th Biannual "Show & Sell" will highlight a diverse range of creative and innovative student vendors from introductory, social media, and advertising marketing courses.

HAGĀTÑA, GUAM—The Business & Visual Communications Department at Guam Community College is excited to announce its 6th Biannual "Show & Sell" event, Classroom 2 Commerce—a dynamic marketplace featuring GCC student entrepreneurs. This exciting event will be held on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, from 10am to 2pm, at the Multi-Purpose Auditorium (Building 300) on the GCC campus.

The event will highlight a diverse range of creative and innovative student vendors from introductory, social media, and advertising marketing courses. These student entrepreneurs will showcase their unique products and services, offering fresh, locally-inspired creations that reflect the vibrancy and entrepreneurial spirit of Guam.

GCC students and the island community are invited to support aspiring business

owners at "Show & Sell," Classroom 2 Commerce, an event showcasing a diverse range of handcrafted goods to multimedia creators. It offers students real-world experience, a chance to develop entrepreneurial skills, and an inspiring platform to network, collaborate, and explore new ventures.

For more information, please contact Nita Cepeda, event chair and instructor in the Business & Visual Communications Department, at (671) 482-9779 or email nitajeanette.cepeda@guamcc.edu.

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World

Israel says it killed Hezbollah's supposed next leader

BEIRUT (AP)—Israel said Tuesday that one of its airstrikes outside Beirut earlier this month killed a Hezbollah official widely expected to have replaced the militant group's longtime leader, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike last month.

There was no immediate confirmation from Hezbollah about the fate of Hashem Safieddine, a powerful cleric

who was expected to succeed Hassan Nasrallah, one of the group's founders.

Safieddine was killed in early October in a strike that also killed 25 other Hezbollah leaders, according to Israel, whose airstrikes in southern Lebanon in recent months have killed many of Hezbollah's top leaders, leaving the group in disarray.

Last week, Israel killed the

top leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, during a battle in Gaza.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during a trip to Israel that leaders there should "capitalize" on Sinwar's death as an opportunity to end the war in Gaza and secure the release of hostages taken during the deadly Hamas attack that started the war. Blinken also stressed the need for Israel to do more to

help increase the flow of humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office called his meeting with Blinken, which lasted more than two hours, "friendly and productive."

The Beirut suburb where Safieddine was killed was pummeled by fresh airstrikes Tuesday, including one that leveled a building Israel said housed Hezbollah facilities.

The collapse sent smoke and debris flying into the air a few hundred meters (yards) from where a spokesperson for Hezbollah had just briefed journalists about a weekend drone attack that damaged Netanyahu's house.

Tuesday's airstrikes came 40 minutes after Israel issued an evacuation warning for two buildings in the area that it said were used by Hezbollah. The Hezbollah news conference nearby was cut short, and an Associated Press photographer captured an image of a missile heading towards the building moments before it was destroyed. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Hezbollah's chief spokesman, Mohammed Afif, said the group was behind the Saturday drone attack on Netanyahu's home in the coastal town of Caesarea. Israel has said neither the prime minister nor his wife were home at the time.

Blinken's meetings with Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders was part of his 11th visit to the region since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. He landed hours after Hezbollah launched a barrage of rockets into central Israel, setting off air raid sirens in populated areas and at its international airport, but causing no apparent damage or injuries.

S. Korea warns it can send arms to Ukraine after North reportedly sent troops to Russia

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea warned Tuesday it could consider supplying weapons to Ukraine in response to North Korea allegedly dispatching troops to Russia, as both North Korea and Russia denied the movements. NATO's secretary general said that would mark a "significant escalation."

South Korea's statement was apparently meant to pressure Russia against bringing in North Korean troops for its war against Ukraine. South Korean officials worry that Russia may reward North Korea by giving it sophisti-

cated weapons technologies that can boost the North's nuclear and missile programs that target South Korea.

In an emergency National Security Council meeting, top South Korean officials condemned North Korea's alleged dispatch of troops as "a grave security threat" to South Korea and the international community. They described North Korea as "a criminal group" that forces its youths to serve as Russian mercenaries for an unjustifiable war, South Korea's presidential office said in a statement.

The officials agreed to take

phased countermeasures, linking the level of their responses to progress in Russian-North Korean military cooperation, according to the statement.

Possible steps include diplomatic, economic and military options, and South Korea could consider sending both defensive and offensive weapons to Ukraine, a senior South Korean presidential official told reporters on condition of anonymity in a background briefing.

The official said North Korea could attempt to get high-tech Russian technologies to perfect its nuclear missiles.

The official said Russia's possible help for North Korea's efforts to modernize its outdated conventional weapons systems and acquire a space-based surveillance system would pose a serious security threat.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, South Korea has joined U.S.-led sanctions against Moscow and shipped humanitarian and financial support to Kyiv. But it has avoided directly supplying arms to Ukraine in line with its policy of not supplying weapons to countries actively engaged in conflicts.

WORLD BRIEFS

Tropical storm swamps PH provinces in widespread flooding and trap people, some on roofs

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Torrential rain set off by an approaching tropical storm swamped eastern Philippine cities and towns overnight in widespread flooding that trapped people, some on their roofs, and sparked frantic appeals for rescue boats and trucks, officials said Wednesday. The government shut down public schools and government offices, except those urgently needed for disaster response, on the entire main island of Luzon to protect millions of people as Tropical Storm Trami blew closer from the Pacific. The storm was about 310 kilometers (193 miles) east of Baler in the northeastern province of Aurora with sustained winds of 85 kilometers (53 miles) per hour and gusts to 105 kph (65 mph). It was forecast to hit Aurora's coast Wednesday night. Thousands of villagers have evacuated to emergency shelters in northeastern provinces, and storm warnings were raised in more than two dozen northern and central provinces, including in the densely populated capital of Manila. No fatalities or major injuries have been reported. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. cancelled all his appointments Wednesday "to focus on coordinating the government's comprehensive search and rescue and relief efforts" and would convene an emergency meeting at military headquarters to discuss disaster-mitigation efforts,

Communications Secretary Cesar Chavez said.

Tropical Storm Oscar disintegrates en route to the Bahamas after killing 7 people in Cuba

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Tropical Storm Oscar disintegrated Tuesday as it headed toward the Bahamas after making landfall in Cuba as a Category 1 hurricane, killing at least seven people and unleashing heavy rains on an island also hit by an unrelated massive power outage. Oscar's remnants were located some 75 miles (115 kilometers) east-southeast of Long Island in the Bahamas on Tuesday afternoon. The maximum sustained winds dropped to 35 mph (55 kph) as the remnants moved northeast at 12 mph (19 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. The remnants were expected to drop up to 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain across the southeastern Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands. The storm made history as the smallest recorded hurricane, with a wind field of only about 6 miles (10 kilometers) across. It caught many by surprise as it made landfall in Grand Inagua Island in the Bahamas on Saturday and a second landfall in eastern Cuba late Sunday before making a sharp U-turn and heading back to the Bahamas. "It's not often we see a colossal failure in hurricane forecasting," Michael Lowry, a hurricane specialist and storm surge expert, wrote in an analysis. He noted no models indicated Oscar would strengthen into a hurricane.

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King Charles III's visit to Samoa will highlight climate change... and dance

LONDON (AP)—King Charles III should be prepared to dance when he visits Samoa this week.

Freddie Tuilagi made sure of that when he visited St. James' Palace recently wearing nothing but a bark cloth wrap and a necklace historically worn by orator chiefs. Charles, in a blue suit and carefully knotted

AP
Britain's King Charles III, second from left, and Queen Camilla, third from left, smile as former Samoan rugby player Freddie Tuilagi dances during a reception to celebrate the Commonwealth Diaspora of the United Kingdom, ahead of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Samoa, at St. James's Palace, London, on Oct. 2, 2024.



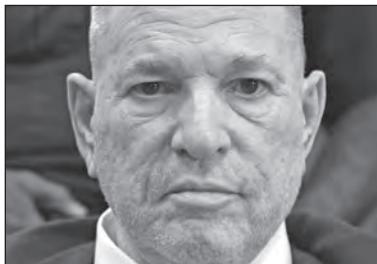
Harvey Weinstein due back in court for hearing ahead of retrial

NEW YORK (AP)—Harvey Weinstein is due back in court in New York on Wednesday for a hearing ahead of his retrial on sex crimes charges stemming from his landmark #MeToo case.

Among other things, Judge Curtis Farber is expected to address a request from prosecutors to consolidate that case with a newer charge into a single trial.

The former movie mogul was already facing retrial on two sex crime charges after the state's highest court overturned his 2020 conviction earlier this year. Then in September, he was hit with a new charge accusing him of another assault. He has pleaded not guilty.

Weinstein was convicted on charges—since overturned—that he forcibly performed oral sex on a TV and film production assistant in 2006, and rape in the third degree for an attack on an aspiring actor in 2013. In the new charge, prosecutors say he forced oral sex on a different woman in a Manhattan hotel in the spring of 2006.



AP
Harvey Weinstein appears in Manhattan Criminal Court, May 29, 2024, in New York.

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's office has argued in court filings that holding separate trials would be "extraordinarily inefficient" and waste judicial resources. Prosecutors said the cases have significant overlap as they involve similar criminal statutes, witnesses, expert testimony and documentary evidence.

Weinstein's lawyers have argued in court filings that the cases should remain separate. They said prosecutors are attempting to "expand the scope" of the court-ordered retrial and transform it into "an entirely

new proceeding" by including the new charges.

There's also the question of when Weinstein's retrial is expected to actually begin.

Faber had tentatively scheduled Weinstein's trial to open on Nov. 12, but both defense lawyers and prosecutors have voiced concerns that the date won't give their side enough time to prepare.

Weinstein has been in custody at the city's Rikers Island jail complex and has faced numerous health complications while behind bars.

He was also convicted of rape in Los Angeles in 2022, though his lawyers have appealed.

The sexual assault and harassment allegations against Weinstein turbocharged the #MeToo movement in 2017.

The 72-year-old former producer co-founded the film and television production companies Miramax and The Weinstein Company. He produced such films as "Shakespeare in Love" and "The Crying Game."

the same when he arrives in the South Pacific island nation on Wednesday. Villagers throughout the country of 220,000 people have taken steps to decorate and show how much they appreciate Charles' visit, he said.

Charles has championed for decades.

The king can count on Samoans to be receptive. Its islands are at the forefront of the climate emergency, facing increasing threats from rising sea levels, warming ocean temperatures and more intense storms.

The royal visit is attracting global media attention. Many Samoans hope that images of the king and Queen Camilla strolling on the islands' breathtaking beaches will help attract European tourists and boost the economy.

Rapper Eminem and Obama rally voters for Kamala Harris in Detroit

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit rapper Eminem stepped into the political arena Tuesday in his hometown, where he spoke briefly at a rally for Vice President Kamala Harris' presidential campaign before welcoming former President Barack Obama to the stage.

"As most of you know, the city of Detroit and the whole state of Michigan mean a lot to me. And going into this election, the spotlight is on us more than ever," Eminem, a longtime critic of former President Donald Trump, told the crowd. "And I think it's important to use your voice. So I'm encouraging everybody to get out and vote."

He said people shouldn't be afraid of retribution or of making their opinion known, adding that Harris "supports a future for this country where these freedoms and many others will be protected and upheld."

The Detroit rapper then introduced Obama, who took the stage to the beat of Eminem's "Lose Yourself." The former president joked that he "noticed my palms are sweaty," a reference to the hit song, before rapping several lines from it.

The appearance by Obama and

Eminem comes just days before early voting kicks off across Michigan. Democrats hope the star-studded event, which also featured former Lions wide receiver and NFL Hall of Famer Calvin Johnson, will boost enthusiasm among voters.

Voter turnout in Detroit, a long-time Democratic stronghold, will be crucial in determining who wins the state in November, when Michigan is among a handful of swing states expected to determine who wins the presidency as well as control of the U.S. Senate. Democrat Elissa Slotkin, who faces Republican Mike Rogers for an open Senate seat, appeared alongside Obama at the rally.

Obama attacked Trump as unfit, citing recent incidents such as the town hall where Trump opted to hold an impromptu concert of sorts, swaying back and forth to various songs for about 40 minutes rather than taking questions from voters.

"If your grandpa was acting like this, you'd be worried," Obama said. "This is somebody who wants unchecked power. We do not need to see what an older, loonier Donald Trump looks like with no guardrails. America's ready to turn the page."

Man ready to begin new chapter sans longtime wife

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for quite a long time, and I am seriously contemplating walking away from it. We no longer have anything in common. I'm active and hike, bike, play golf and lift weights. My wife is 100% sedentary and wants no part of any of these activities that could keep us both healthy. It has taken a toll on her to the point that she has become obese and has mobility issues. Even a small amount of exertion exhausts her, which leaves me doing almost everything. I did not sign up to be someone's caretaker because she didn't take care of herself.

For a long time, I have become friendly with a woman who is active and healthy like me. We have much more in common than just being active. She tells me she loves my intelligence and what a great career I had. I never received any support from my wife. I am tired of being a slave. I want a partner. Your thoughts?

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DEAR FIT: I think your marriage started failing before you met this active, health-conscious woman. As it stands, you are emotionally divorced before being legally divorced. Talk to an attorney, then tell your wife that you haven't felt emotionally supported by her for a long time and you want a divorce so you can be with someone whose interests and lifestyle more closely align with yours. From what you have

written, I doubt your marriage could be saved by counseling because, emotionally, you have already moved on.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single female in my 60s. I'm very much a loner and mostly keep to myself. While I know my lifestyle may be unconventional, it is the one I choose.

My concern is the possibility of dying alone in my house. I have serious health issues and don't expect to live a long life. I sometimes go weeks without contact with another human being, and if I should meet my demise, there's a very real possibility that it could go completely unnoticed for quite some time. I am not asking that you offer advice to fix my solitary life because, frankly, I accept it. What I would like to know is if there is a way—a service or device or something—that would alert someone in the likely event that I am alone when I meet my end.

FLYING SOLO IN TEXAS

DEAR SOLO: Great question. If you have a newspaper delivered, your carrier would notice if they were starting to pile up on your doorstep. The same would apply if your mail carrier noticed your mail starting to accumulate. There are also apps and services that will check in daily with you to be sure you are OK.

One I have heard about is the Telephone Reassurance

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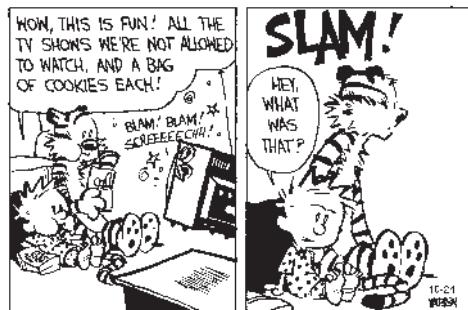
program. It is often a free service provided by a county's department of aging and disabilities. Volunteers place daily phone calls to older or disabled adults to help them remain independent in their homes for as long as possible. If this isn't available in your area, check with your local senior center, AARP or department of senior services for recommendations.

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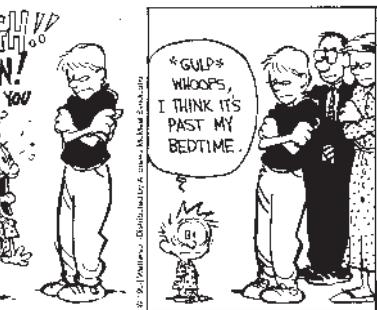
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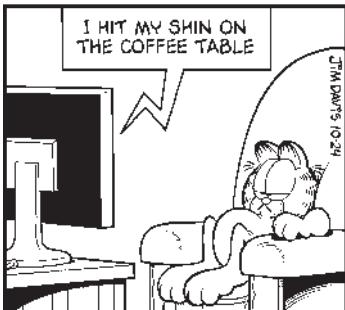
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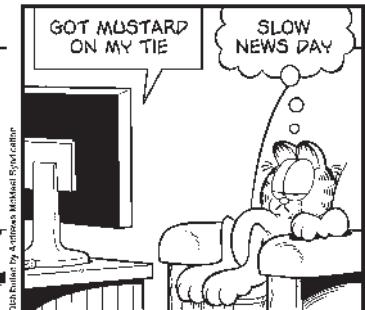
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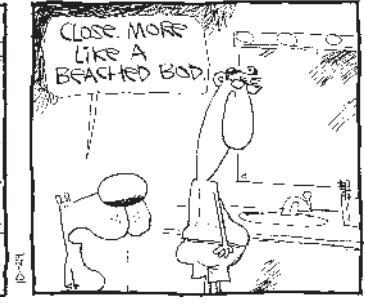
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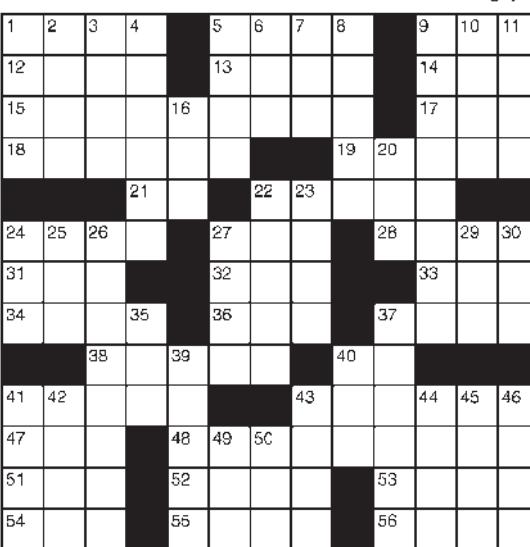


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By Eugene Sheffer

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Approach someone heading in a similar direction. Sign up for something geared toward achieving better health and happiness. Don't limit your options; be blunt about your objective and stick to your plans, and the person most likely to join you will have as much to contribute as you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change will uplift you. Try something different; engage in activities that offer an alternative lifestyle but that may be a better fit for your budget. Speak up about how you feel and what makes you happy. Change begins with you, and being honest about what you want out of life is a good start.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Think big, but be realistic. Too much of anything will work against you. Keep life simple and put your energy into what matters to you most. Aim to lower stress while you build comfort, security and stability into your daily routine. Make personal growth and contentment your goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make plans and engage in conversations that hype the experience. Mix business with pleasure if it helps you gain acceptance or get ahead. Refrain

from missing out on a worthwhile experience because you aren't willing to participate and get to know your associates better. Innovative suggestions will lead to a higher position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time to absorb the information you gather. If you are too open, someone will use your playbook to outmaneuver you. Dedicate time to setting budgets and investing wisely. Refuse to let your health suffer due to stress. Pay attention to how you look and present yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're in a better position than you realize. Don't be afraid to share your thoughts; it will help you decipher who is a worthy candidate to partner with or to learn from. Stay away from venues that are heavily populated and can promote health risks or violence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and mingle; try something new and exciting. Embracing a pastime that encourages you to interact with like-minded people will help you embark on a journey that will enrich your life. Travel and educational pursuits are favored and will change your perspective and lifestyle. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your emotions in check. Getting into an argument with someone will not solve the problem. Look for compromises, settlements, incentives or anything else that prevents a negative response. Be the sunshine in the room instead of the bearer of bad news. Set a good example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at your lifestyle, health records and financial situation, and make the necessary adjustments to put your mind at ease and to encourage you to fulfill your heart's desires. Refuse to let anyone interfere with decisions. Be direct, and don't fold under pressure. Romance and commitment are favored.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the initiative to position yourself for success. A change to move into a higher-paying job or to invest in yourself or something that will make your life easier is apparent. Use your experience and knowledge to navigate your way to a brighter future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An open, receptive mindset will help you negotiate and reach an agreement. Don't hesitate to offer suggestions or to control the topic of conversation. Leadership ability will work to your advantage by helping you build confidence to acquire exciting prospects. Romance is in the stars.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep moving. Don't let someone opposed to your plans limit what you can do. Choose your words carefully and only promise what you can deliver. A steady pace, effective research and a strict budget will lead to success. Embrace and initiate the changes that offer hope for a brighter future.

Birthday Baby: You are sincere, dedicated and unique. You are sensitive and persuasive.

•: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ♦♦: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ♦♦♦: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ♦♦♦♦: Aim high; start new projects. ♦♦♦♦♦: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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LeBron, Bronny make history as 1st father-son duo to play together



LOS ANGELES
(AP)—LeBron James gave his 20-year-old son a pep talk before they rose from the Lakers bench. Amid rising cheers, they walked together to the scorer's table—and then they stepped straight into basketball history.

LeBron and Bronny became the first father and son to play in the NBA together Tuesday night during the Los Angeles Lakers' season opener, fulfilling a dream set out a few years ago by LeBron, the top scorer in league history.

"That moment, us being at the scorer's table together and checking in together, it's a moment I'm never going to forget," LeBron said. "No matter how old I get, no matter how my memory may fade as I get older or whatever, I will never forget that moment."

Father and son checked into the game against Minnesota simultaneously with four minutes left in the second quarter, prompting a big ovation from a home crowd aware of the enormity of the milestone. The 39-year-old LeBron had already started the game and played 13 minutes before he teamed up with his 20-year-old son for about 2 1/2 minutes of action.

LeBron James is one of the greatest players in NBA history, a four-time champion and 20-time All-Star, while LeBron James Jr. was a second-round pick by the Lakers last summer. They are the first father and son to play in the world's top basketball league at the same time, let alone on the same team.

"Y'all ready? You see the intensity, right? Just play carefree, though," father told son on the bench before they checked in, an exchange captured by the TNT cameras and microphones. "Don't worry about mistakes. Just go out and play hard."

Their time on court together was fast and furious, just as LeBron promised.

LeBron, who finished the night with 16 points, missed two perimeter shots before making a dunk. Bronny had an early offensive rebound and missed a tip-in, and his first NBA jump shot moments later was a 3-pointer that came up just short. He checked out one possession later with 1:19 left in the second quarter, getting another ovation.

Bronny didn't play again in the Lakers' 110-103 victory over the Timberwolves.

"(I) tried not to focus on everything that's going on around me, and tried to focus on going in as a rookie and not trying to mess up," Bronny said. "But yeah, I to-



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (23) and guard Bronny James (9) stand on the court during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, in Los Angeles. AP

tally did feel the energy, and I appreciate Laker Nation for showing the support for me and my dad."

After the final whistle on the Lakers' first opening-night victory in LeBron's seven seasons with the team, father and son also headed to the locker room together—but not before stopping in the tunnel to hug Savannah James, LeBron's wife and Bronny's mother. The entire family was in attendance to watch history—on little sister Zhuri's 10th birthday, no less.

Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. also were courtside at the Lakers' downtown arena to witness the same history they made in Major League Baseball. The two sluggers played 51 games together for the Seattle Mariners in 1990 and 1991 as baseball's first father-son duo.

The Jameses and the Griffneys met during pregame warmups for some photos and a warm chat between two remarkable family lines.

LeBron first spoke about his dream to play alongside Bronny a few years ago, while his oldest son was still in high school. The dream became real after Bronny entered the draft as a teenager following one collegiate season, and the Lakers grabbed him with the 55th overall pick.

"I talked about it years and years ago, and for this moment to come, it's pretty cool," LeBron said. "I don't know if it's going to actually hit the both of us for a little minute, but when we really get to sit back and take it in, it's pretty crazy. ... But in the moment, we still had a job to do when we checked in. We wasn't trying to make it a circus. We wasn't trying to make it about us. We wanted to make it about the team."

LeBron and Bronny joined a small club of father-son professional athletes who played together. The Griffneys made history 34 years ago, and they even homered in the same game on Sept. 14, 1990.

Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Raines and his namesake son also accomplished the feat with the Baltimore Orioles in 2001.

In hockey, Gordie Howe played alongside his two sons, Mark and Marty, with the WHA's Houston Aeros and Team Canada before one NHL season together on the Hartford Whalers in 1979-80, when Gordie was 51.

While the other family pairings on this list happened late in the fathers' careers, LeBron shows no signs of slowing down or regressing as he begins his NBA record-tying 22nd season.

LeBron averaged more than 25 points per game last year for his 20th consecutive season, and he remains the most important player on the Lakers alongside Anthony Davis as they attempt to recapture the form that won a championship in 2020 and got them to the Western Conference finals in 2023.

Bronny survived cardiac arrest and open heart surgery in the summer of 2023, and he went on to play a truncated freshman season at the University of Southern California. He declared for the draft anyway, and the Lakers eagerly used the fourth-to-last pick in the draft on the 6-foot-2 guard.

LeBron spent the summer in Europe with the gold medal-winning U.S. team at the Paris Olympics, while Bronny played for the Lakers in summer league. They started practicing together with the Lakers before training camp.

The duo first played together in the preseason, logging four minutes during a game against Phoenix just outside Palm Springs earlier this month.

"It's been a treat," LeBron said at Tuesday's morning shootaround. "In preseason, the practices, just every day ... bringing him up to speed of what this professional life is all about, and how to prepare

every day as a professional."

The Lakers were fully aware of the history they would make with this pairing, and coach JJ Redick spoke with the Jameses recently about a plan to make it happen early in the regular season.

The presence of the Griffneys likely made it an inevitability for opening night, even though Redick said the Lakers still wanted it "to happen naturally, in the flow of the game."

The Lakers have declined to speculate on how long Bronny will stay on their NBA roster. Los Angeles already has three other small guards on its roster, and Bronny likely needs regular playing time to raise his game to a consistent NBA standard.

Those factors add up to indicate Bronny is likely to join the affiliate South Bay Lakers of the G League at some point soon. LeBron and Redick have both spoken positively about the South Bay team, saying that player development is a key part of the Lakers organization.

Miami forward Kevin Love, who knew all the James children—Bronny, Bryce and Zhuri—from his time as LeBron's teammate in Cleveland, said it was "an unbelievable moment" to see father and son playing together.

"I grew up a Mariners fan, so I got to see Griffey and then Griffey Sr. But this is different, because LeBron is still a top-five player in the league," Love said. "This game, man. It's why we have that (\$76 billion) TV deal. The storylines and the things that happen like this, it's an unbelievable story. This is really cool to see."

CELTICS 132, KNICKS 109

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston crowd chanted "One more 3!"

The Celtics did their best, firing up 13 shots from 3-point range in an attempt to break the NBA record for 3s in a game—and missing them all. In the end, all the defending champions could do in their 132-109 victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday night was tie the record of 29 3s made by Milwaukee in 2020.

"It was almost like we got jinxed or something," said Jaylen Brown, who scored 23 points and was 5 of 9 from 3-point range but tossed up an airball with a chance to break the record.

"When we were just playing, having fun, playing our style of basketball, everything was going in," Brown said. "The crowd got into it, and we started hunting them, we couldn't even hit the bright side of the barn."

Jayson Tatum made 8 of 11 from long distance and Derrick White connected on six as the Celtics made 29 of their first 48 3-point attempts while opening a 35-point lead over New York on the night Boston raised its 18th championship banner to the rafters.

The Celtics made 10 of 17 3-pointers in the first quarter, when they opened a 19-point lead. They added seven 3s in the second quarter and nine in the third. Al Horford tied the record from the left side with about nine minutes left in the game and the Celtics leading by 33.

Then the defending champions couldn't find the hoop.

Brown and Xavier Tillman each fired up an airball from beyond the arc, and the Celtics scored just three more times the rest of the way—all 2-pointers—with just one basket after the 6:37 mark. Neither team scored at all in the final 3:43.

Payton Pritchard was the master bricklayer, missing five from long range. Sam Hauser missed three, Tillman missed two and Jordan Walsh missed one. Boston finished 29 of 61 from 3-point range.

"When we were tied, I was like 'We're one away from the record,'" White said. "I shouldn't have said anything. It's kind of like a no-hitter, huh? I blame myself."

Dodgers legend Fernando Valenzuela dies at 63



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(AP)—Fernando Valenzuela, the Mexican-born phenom for the Los Angeles Dodgers who inspired “Fernandomania” while winning the NL Cy Young Award and Rookie of the Year in 1981, has died. He was 63.

The team said he died Tuesday night at a Los Angeles hospital, but did not provide the cause or other details.

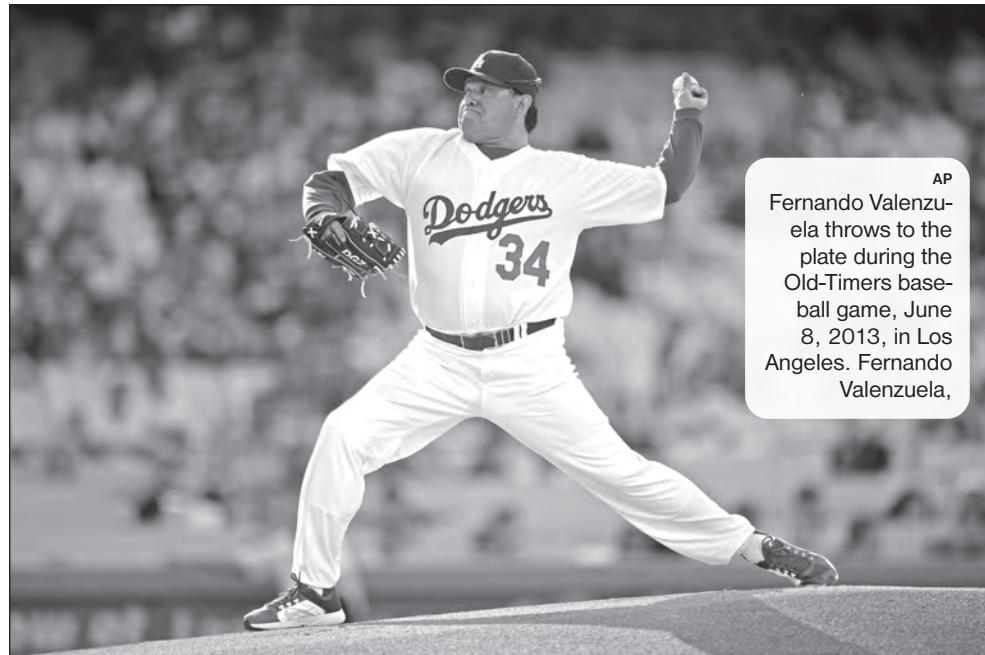
His death comes as the Dodgers prepare to open the World Series on Friday night at home against the New York Yankees. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said Valenzuela would be honored during the series at Dodger Stadium.

Valenzuela had left his color commentator job on the Dodgers’ Spanish-language television broadcast in September without explanation. He was reported to have been hospitalized earlier this month. His job kept him as a regular at Dodger Stadium, where he held court in the press box dining room before games and remained popular with fans who sought him out for photos and autographs.

“God bless Fernando Valenzuela!” actor and Dodgers fan Danny Trejo posted on X.

Valenzuela was one of the most dominant players of his era and a wildly popular figure in the 1980s, although he was never elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. However, he is part of Cooperstown, which features several artifacts including a signed ball from his no-hitter in 1990.

“He is one of the most in-



AP
Fernando Valenzuela throws to the plate during the Old-Timers baseball game, June 8, 2013, in Los Angeles. Fernando Valenzuela,

fluent Dodger ever and belongs on the Mount Rushmore of franchise heroes,” Stan Kasten, team president and CEO, said in a statement. “He galvanized the fan base with the Fernandomania season of 1981 and has remained close to our hearts ever since, not only as a player but also as a broadcaster. He has left us all too soon.”

Valenzuela’s rise from humble beginnings as the youngest of 12 children in Mexico and his feats on the mound made him hugely popular and influential in Los Angeles’ Latino community while helping attract new fans to Major League Baseball. Their fondness for him continued for years after his retirement.

“63 is way too young.... A piece of my childhood is gone,” actor and “Access Hollywood” co-host Mario Lopez posted on X. “Growing up as a Mexican kid one of the main

reasons I’m a Dodgers fan is because of Fernando. ... Not only a great player, but a great man to the community. What a legend.”

In 1981, Valenzuela became the Dodgers’ opening day starter as a rookie after Jerry Reuss was injured 24 hours before his scheduled start. He shut out the Houston Astros 2-0 and began the season 8-0 with five shutouts and an ERA of 0.50. He became the first player to win a Cy Young and Rookie of the Year in the same season.

His performances created the delirium known as “Fernandomania” among Dodgers fans. The ABBA hit “Fernando” would play as he warmed up on the mound.

“Fernando Valenzuela was a true icon of the Dodgers and the game,” Rep. Jimmy Gomez, D-Calif., posted on X. “His legacy and connection with the Latino community in LA is one of the reasons I fell in love with the Dodgers.”

Valenzuela was 13-7 and had a 2.48 ERA in his first season, which was shortened by a players’ strike.

He was an All-Star selection every year from 1981-86, when he recorded 97 victories, 84 complete games, 1,258 strikeouts and a 2.97 ERA. He was 5-1 with a 2.00 ERA in eight postseason starts. He earned two Silver Slugger Awards and a Gold Glove.

Valenzuela’s no-hitter on June 29, 1990, a 6-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals at Dodger Stadium, was an emotional career highlight. He struck out seven and walked three.

“If you have a sombrero, throw it to the sky!” Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully exclaimed in his game call.

Nicknamed “El Toro” by the fans, Valenzuela had an unorthodox and memorable pitching motion that included looking skyward at the apex

of each windup. His repertoire included a screwball—making him one of the few pitchers of his era who threw that pitch regularly. It was taught to him by teammate Bobby Castillo after the Dodgers felt Valenzuela, who wasn’t known as a hard thrower, needed another pitch.

Early in his Dodgers career, Valenzuela spoke little English and had trouble communicating with his catchers. Rookie Mike Scioscia learned Spanish and became Valenzuela’s personal catcher before becoming the team’s full-time catcher.

Valenzuela was a better-than-average hitter, with 10 career home runs.

Eventually, his pitching was compromised by nagging shoulder problems that kept him out of the 1988 postseason, when the Dodgers won the World Series.

The team released Valenzuela just before the 1991 season. He also pitched for the former California Angels, Baltimore Orioles, Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres and St. Louis Cardinals.

He retired in 1997, going 173-153 with a 3.54 ERA in 17 seasons, the all-time major league leader in wins and strikeouts (2,074) by a Mexican-born player. In 11 seasons with the Dodgers, he was 141-116 with a 3.31 ERA.

Valenzuela’s rise from his tiny hometown of Etchohuaquila in the Mexican state of Sonora to stardom in the U.S. was improbable. He was the youngest child in a large family who tagged along when his older brothers played baseball.

He signed his first pro con-

tract at age 16, and soon began overpowering older players in the Mexican Central League.

In 1978, legendary Dodgers scout Mike Brito was in Mexico to watch a shortstop when Valenzuela entered the game as a reliever. He immediately commanded Brito’s attention and at age 18, Valenzuela signed with the Dodgers in 1979. He was sent to the California League that same year.

In 1980, Valenzuela was called up to the Dodgers in September and soon made his big league debut as a reliever.

He remains the only pitcher in MLB history to win the Cy Young and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season. The left-hander was the National League’s starting pitcher in the All-Star Game in 1981, the same year the Dodgers won the World Series.

During his career, he made the cover of Sports Illustrated and visited the White House.

In 2003, Valenzuela returned to the Dodgers as the Spanish-language radio color commentator for NL games. Twelve years later, he switched to the color commentator job on the team’s Spanish-language TV feed.

“He consistently supported the growth of the game through the World Baseball Classic and at MLB events across his home country,” Manfred said in a statement. “As a member of the Dodger broadcasting team for more than 20 years, Fernando helped to reach a new generation of fans and cultivate their love of the game. Fernando will always remain a beloved figure in Dodger history and a special source of pride for the millions of Latino fans he inspired.”

Yankees and Dodgers meet in World Series for 12th time in matchup of Broadway and Hollywood



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Broadway vs.
Hollywood.
Subway vs.
Freeway. Judge vs. Ohtani.

New York neighbors who became cross-country rivals, the Yankees and Dodgers renew their starry struggle in the World Series for the first time in 43 years.

“I’ve always had that sense being here that there’s that underlying, craving for that,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said Monday. “The stars will be out. The eyeballs will be watching and, hopefully, we can deliver on a great Series.”

Two of baseball’s most successful teams face each other starting Friday at Dodger Stadium, the Yankees coming off their 41st American League pennant and the Dodgers their 25th National League championship. New York is seeking its 28th World Series

title but first since 2009, the Dodgers their eighth and second in a five-year span.

“When you’re playing for the Dodgers and playing for the Yankees, it better feel different,” LA manager Dave Roberts said at Yankee Stadium last June. “If not, you better do something different for a profession.”

Yankees pinstripes vs. Dodgers Pantone 294. The Bronx Bombers vs. the Dem Bums’ descendants. The granite-and-limestone of new Yankee Stadium on chilly autumn nights vs. Dodger Stadium in sunny Chavez Ravine, with the San Gabriel Mountains beyond the pavilions.

“It’s kind of what the people wanted, what we all wanted,” Dodgers star Mookie Betts said. “It’s going to be a battle of two good teams, a lot of long flights across the country.”

New York is 8-3 against the Dodgers in the most frequent World Series matchup, includ-

ing 6-1 against Brooklyn and 2-2 since the rivalry became Big Apple against Tinseltown.

Mickey Owen, Al Gionfriddo, Cookie Lavagetto, Sandy Amoros, Johnny Podres, Don Larsen, Sandy Koufax and Reggie Jackson created indelible images in the matchup, which started in 1941 with one of the wackiest World Series turns.

Trailing 2-1 in the Series, Brooklyn led 4-3 with two outs in the ninth inning at Ebbets Field when Tommy Henrich swung and missed at strike three from Hugh Casey. The ball bounced away from Owen and rolled toward the Dodgers dugout as Henrich reached on the dropped third strike. Joe DiMaggio singled, Charlie Keller hit a two-run double and Joe Gordon added another two-run double later in the inning as the Yankees won 7-4 and went on to win the title in five games.

Lavagetto’s two-out, pinch

walk-off double in the ninth ended Bill Bevens’ no-hit bid in 1947’s Game 4 and two games later Gionfriddo robbed DiMaggio of a tying three-run homer.

New York beat the Dodgers again in 1949, 1952 and 1953, frustrating the fans in Flatbush, but Brooklyn finally won the title in 1955 when Podres pitched a Game 7 shutout at Yankee Stadium and Gil Hodges drove in both runs. Amoros preserved the lead when he made a running catch of Yogi Berra’s sixth-inning drive in the left-field corner with two on and relayed to shortstop Pee Wee Reese, who threw to Hodges at first and doubled up Gil McDougald.

Those players were celebrated in Roger Kahn’s 1972 book “The Boys of Summer.” Larsen pitched the World Series’ only perfect game in 1956’s fifth game in the Bronx, Berra jumping into his arms after the final out, and the

Yankees won Game 7 behind Johnny Kucks’ three-hit shutout in what turned out to be the last World Series game at Ebbets Field.

Walter O’Malley moved the Dodgers to California after the 1957 season, and Koufax had an interlocking “LA” on his cap instead of a “B” when he struck out a then-Series record 15 in the 1963 opener at Yankee Stadium. The rivalry didn’t resume until 1977 with the first of three matchups in a five-year span.

Jackson’s three home runs led the Yankees to a clinching win in 1977’s Game 6. The Yankees won another six-game Series the following year, highlighted by third baseman Graig Nettles’ diving stops on Reggie Smith, Steve Garvey and Davey Lopes.

Los Angeles lost the first two games in the Bronx in 1981, and then won four in a row—capped by a 9-2 victory that had Dodgers manager

Tommy Lasorda dancing. The defeat prompted Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, his hand bandaged after an alleged fight with Dodgers fans in a hotel elevator, to issue a written apology “to the people of New York and to the fans of the New York Yankees everywhere.”

Both teams feel the history created by their predecessors.

“You put that jersey on and those pinstripes, it just feels different,” Yankees slugger Juan Soto said.

Shohei Ohtani and Los Angeles took two of three when they met Aaron Judge and New York in a much-hyped series in June.

Roberts is reminded of the history when he approaches Dodger Stadium.

“I can’t believe I’m driving up Vin Scully Way, when I go to work,” he said. “It’s overwhelming, but I try not to let my head go there too often; I just try to do my job.”

Latte FC, Matansa triumph in soccer leagues

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Latte Football Club and Shirley's FC 1 triumphed in their respective divisions in the 2024 Fall Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Sunday.

Latte, in the A Division, defeated MP United Blue, 3-1.

Possession swung back and forth on the pitch like a pendulum and went on for 20 minutes in the first half. Both teams tried to get the better of the other with no luck until Latte's Khristelle Itaas found the back of the net in the 21st minute.

Action went on full swing once again after that as Latte tried to up-

hold their slim lead. They then doubled it and got some breathing room after a goal by Tyana Hix in the 46th minute. However, MP United's Cassandra Camacho found an opening in the 49th to get on board and cut the lead in half, 1-2.

Latte then dug their cleats in and got down to business despite the lead and added another goal in the 63rd by Itaas for a 3-1 game. MP United could not catch up as time ran out and handed the W to Latte.

For Matansa, they overpowered MP United, 6-1, in the Marianas Soccer League 1.

MP United actually got first dibs at the net with a goal by Isiah Hosain in the 19th minute, but Matansa didn't let that affect them and went on an offensive onslaught later.

Sunjoon Tenorio tied the game up

in the 28th, followed by another goal just four minutes later by Ariel Narvaez Jr. to make it 2-1. The first half came and went quietly after that, then Matansa picked up the pace in the second.

Narvaez, Tanapon Unsaa, Monica Claridades, and Mareko Tekopua then went on to score one goal each for the 6-1 final.

In the Dove B Division, Shirley's FC 1 knocked out Paire, 8-1. results of the B Division, Shirley's FC 2 won over MP United Pink, 4-1; Kanoa FC beat MP United Blue, 5-1; and in the Masters Division, Paire took down Latte, 2-0; Kanoa blanked Shirley's, 3-0.

As for results in MSL 2, Kanoa and Bangladesh FC ended in a 2-2 draw; Paire won over Matansa, 1-0; and Paire defeated MP United, 2-0.



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Latte Football Club players flank an MP United Blue player during their game in the 2024 Fall Dove Women's League A Division last Sunday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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and launching attacks offensively, while also making crucial saves and blocks defensively. She worked relentlessly and never gave up on attempts at the goal, despite several missed opportunities to score in the first half.

As HMS' defense weakened from exhaustion in the second half, Gross seized the moment, finding an opening to score the game-winning goal that ultimately secured the title for SIS.

Throughout, HMS and SIS were evenly matched, struggling to break through each other's defenses. The scoreboard remained empty in the

first half, with HMS dominating possession and keeping the action mostly in SIS territory, but failing to capitalize on their chances.

After Gross' goal, HMS pushed forward with a sense of urgency, led by striker Anica Aquino, who made determined attempts to equalize. However, as minutes turned into seconds, and a downpour opened up from the clouds, the final whistle blew, and SIS erupted in celebration, as they held on to win the championship.

Gross, who finished the season with 22 goals, earned the Golden Boot Award and was named most valuable player for her exceptional performance in the finals.

With Gross in the roster were Faith

Arriola, Neveah Arriola, Arriana Chi, Windsor Gross, Chlorie Lee, Kate Manglona, Melisa Namai-Scoggins, Leilani Ruzala, Sophia Smith, and Jewel Whang.

Third place was Dandan Middle School Tottots when they flew over Tanapag Middle School Tatag, 7-0.

SIS coach April Liske-Clarke said of their win after the awards ceremony, "It feels really good. I'm really excited for the girls. They played really hard for this—they've really wanted it for two years now. We have a really young team this year. We only have three 8th graders (Beatrice Gross, Faith Arriola, and Kate Manglona), two 7th graders, while

everybody else is in 6th grade. We have a really young team, and so I'm excited for the future."

She then said of Beatrice Gross' performance, "Props to Beatrice. I've never been so proud in my life of a student—of a player. Her sportsmanship, her leadership just astounds me and her integrity is just amazing. I'm just so proud of her."

When asked about what the difference was between the team this year and last, she said, "I think last year and this year, we played really strong. I think that even Hopwood this year, our teams are very, very closely matched. When you come to play a sport on the field, sometimes

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thoughts on the team's debut last Friday: "We brought 10 women and 10 men. After our first race, I thought we did pretty well, considering we've only had seven months of training. No one knew how well we would perform, and a lot of people didn't expect us to do this well, given that our competitors have been doing this for many years."

Reeder explained that the team initially aimed to compete in the 10th Micronesia Games, held in the Marshall Islands last June. However, since no other paddling teams participated, va'a was removed from the Games.

Determined to race, the team pushed ahead and set their sights on the Micronesia Cup instead. "They had been training hard and just wanted to compete, so we did a lot of fundraising and grant writing to fund our trip here," Reeder said.

Although surrounded by more water than land, va'a is a relatively new sport in the Marshall Islands. With their participation in the Cup, Reeder called it "the movement." He said, "We want more people involved. We hope to get more juniors participating and bring it into schools. It's a healthy habit, and we hope that by being here, we're making a splash back home. When we return, we want more people to be inspired to join."

Reeder also gave a shout out to the team's sponsors: "There are too many to name, but without you, we

wouldn't be here. On behalf of the team, thank you very much."

The Majol Canoe Paddling Club included Marcus Bennett, Sebastian Peralta, Blaise Peralta, Dawson Peralta, Laan Jokray, Jilo Kramer, Isaiah Kramer, Henry Kramer, Keoni Kattil, Rosten Morris, Chloe Abraham, Lita Flood, Shamanda Hanerg, Alexy Joseph, Cukki Kabua, Isabel Kramer-Espiritu, Andrea Muller, Molly Murphy, Tatiana Shoniber, and Malia Shoniber.

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Saipan International School's Kaithlyn Chavez, third from right, during the run course.

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counted as one runner for the team. Jireh Wang (Agape Christian School) and Kaithlyn Chavez (SIS) also put forth a very strong performance, finishing in 16th place. The remaining five pairs worked cohesively to deliver a time that positioned them competitively among top regional schools. Despite fierce competition from teams like Guam and Kinnick, NMI athletes held their ground, showcasing their determination and teamwork.

The final standings of the API highlighted the depth of competition, with two DODEA schools, Guam High and Kinnick High, leading the pack. Team NMI's final ninth place ranking among 37 schools is a testament to their hard work and prepara-

tion for this prestigious event.

The 2024 API was a historic event, and Team NMI's performance reflected their growth and potential on an international stage. With several personal bests, solid team finishes, and the experience gained from navigating large, competitive race packs, the athletes are poised for continued success in future races. Congratulations to the entire NMI team: Victor Nash Santos (SIS), Takeru Jim (MHS), Yile Wang (ACS), Michael Miller (MHS), Yongqi Fan (ACS), Ziheng Cai (ACS), Simon Tang (SSHS), Landen Taflinger (SIS), Ruizhe Zhu (SIS), Lang Yang (ACS), Kaithlyn Chavez (SIS), Adalee Taflinger (SIS), Zhaoyu Shen (ACS), Aubrey White (SIS), Jaime Hong (ACS), Ruishi Zhu (ACS), Julie Chavez (SIS), Catherine Pan (MHS), Jian Chun (MHS), and Panpan Zhang (ACS). (PR)

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	.1.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½
Toronto	0	0	.000	½
New York	0	1	.000	1

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	.1.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	½
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½
Toronto	0	0	.000	½
New York	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	0	0	.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	1	.000	½

Pacific Division

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L.A. Lakers	1	0	.1.000	—
Golden State	0	0	.000	½
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	½
Phoenix	0	0	.000	½
Sacramento	0	0	.000	½

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MS soccer tiara returns to SIS

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It was a captivating finals rematch that had everyone on the edge of their seats as the Saipan International School Geckos faced off against the erstwhile champion Hopwood Middle School Hilitais, and won the title, 1-0, in the NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League 2024-2025 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



LEIGH GASES

Saipan International School's Beatrice Gross poses with her MVP and Golden Boot Award trophies during the awards ceremony of the NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League 2024-2025 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The star of the match was SIS 8th grader and captain of the team, Beatrice Gross, who scored the lone goal in the

37th minute.

Gross delivered a standout performance, skillfully maneuvering through the pitch with ease—setting up plays

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LEIGH GASES

Champion team Saipan International School braves the rain as they pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony of the NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League 2024-2025 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



LEIGH GASES

Second place Hopwood Middle School players pose for a group photo during the awards ceremony of the NMIFA-PSS Girls Middle School Interscholastic Soccer League 2024-2025 last Tuesday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Marshall Islands makes a splash in Micro Cup debut

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The annual Micronesia Cup Canoe Race, held alternately between the CNMI, Guam, and Palau, returned to the shores of Saipan last weekend for the first time in 12 years.

Over 300 delegates from the CNMI, Guam, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands bridged the gap between the skies and seas that separate the Pacific islands to participate in the 24th edition of the event, making a splash in the waters off Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

The CNMI teams included Marianas Outrigger Club, Saipan Paddling Club, and Marianas Pacific Paddlers.

Teams from Guam included Anumun Tasi, Bihun Tasi, Haggan Jrs., Maneran Galaide, Napu, PFM, Poksai Canoe Club, Puti'on Tasi, and



LEIGH GASES

Marshall Islands' Majol Canoe Paddling Club poses for a group photo during the first day of races in the 24th Micronesia Cup Canoe Race last Friday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

Taotao Galaide.

Making their debut in the Cup was the Republic of the Marshall Islands' Majol Paddling Club.

While the CNMI and Guam clubs delivered dominant performances, thanks to their larger athlete

rosters, more practice, and greater experience, the Majol Paddling Club held its own despite only seven months of training and limited resources at home.

The Majol Paddling Club's V6 open men's 500m team secured a silver medal in the

finals last Saturday with a time of 2:11.03. Additionally, their V6 open mixed long-distance team earned a bronze medal in the 8-mile course last Sunday, clocking in at 1:21:39.50.

Patrick Reeder, head coach of the 20-member Majol Paddling Club, shared his

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ASIA PACIFIC INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

NMI wraps up strong performance on Day 2



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Team NMI runners hype each other up in Day 2 of the Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships last Tuesday at Resol no Mori, Japan.

Day 2 of the Asia Pacific Invitational Cross Country Championships concluded with Team NMI continuing to demonstrate resilience and teamwork, earning a solid ninth place overall in the competition last Tuesday at Resol no Mori, Japan. Competing against 37 schools, NMI athletes excelled in both individual races and the relay event, capping off a remarkable showing at the largest API in history.

After two days of intense competition, Team NMI secured ninth place overall, with a combined total score of 27 points. The team's

consistency across the boys, girls, and relay categories showcased their strength in a very competitive pool.

The boys team finished in seventh place overall, while the girls team 11th place overall.

The relay race saw Team NMI finish ninth overall, with standout efforts from all team members. The team of Saipan International School teammates Nash Santos and Addalee Taflinger pushed into first place, finishing in 13th place. In the team relay event, pairs of students alternated 1-mile loops for a total of 6 miles. Each pair

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